

3. Acts 11:19-26

Barnabas is the first one to **welcome** the Gentiles into the Church

Balcony people **challenge** you

Balcony people have mastered the **law of inversion**

4. Acts 11:29-30; Acts 12:25; Acts 13:1-3

In writing in the ancient world the **order** of names is important

The **mantle of leadership** passes from Barnabas to Paul

Barnabas' life is about **descending** into **greatness**

Balcony people do not **give up on you**

Small Group Discussion Questions:

1) Read Acts 4:36. Describe the character of this man named Barnabas.

2) Identify the "balcony people" in our life. Tell what they have meant to you.

3) Identify people you have encouraged this past week. Who can you be a Barnabas to this coming week?

4) Do you have "basement people" in your life? In what way do they drag you down?

5) What do you think would have happened if Paul had not had Barnabas?

6) How hard is it to learn the “law of inversion?” (the first are last – the last are first; the greatest are those who serve)

7) How does Barnabas’ career management differ from so many today?

8) Talk about the importance of the church being a community of encouragers.

Daily Reading Plan:

This Reading Plan is an aide to help focus on the “Life of the Church” message series. Each week’s readings are preparatory for the upcoming message. Although we are concentrating on the Book of Acts, the reading plan will also include other New Testament books and may be repetitive from week to week.

Monday - Acts 19

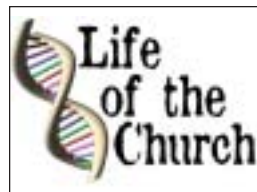
Tuesday - Acts 20

Wednesday - Acts 21

Thursday - Acts 22

Friday - Acts 23

Weekend - Acts 24



Redeeming Notes

Pastor Dave Glesne “The Power of Balcony People”

March 12, 2006 Acts 11:19-24

Barnabas is the epitome of an **encourager**

1. Acts 4:36

Barnabas was a **Hellenistic Jew**

There was hostility between **native Jews** and **Hellenistic Jews**

He devotes himself to **building up** people

‘Barnabas’ means “**son of encouragement**”

Barnabas is a **balcony person**

Balcony people are one of God’s **greatest gifts** in your life

Words of encouragement: **have contact with your balcony people be an encourager to others**

Basement people drag you down

2. Acts 9:26

Balcony people believe you can **change**

Question: “What would have happened if **Paul** had not had **Barnabas**?”